

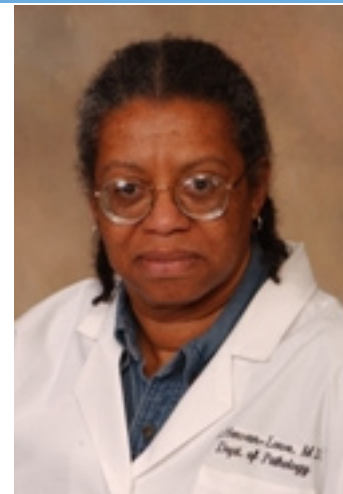
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Hewan-Lowe Receives Career Development Award

Doctor Karleen Hewan-Lowe is one of the first recipients of the Brody School of Medicine Women in Academic Medicine Career Development Award. The award is meant to further the careers of women faculty who have demonstrated ability and commitment to the School of Medicine. This competitive award will support attendance at one of several national faculty development and leadership programs. The award is sponsored by the Dean's Office and administered by Interim Senior Associate Dean Virginia Hardy. Doctor Hewan-Lowe was nominated by the department chair, Doctor Peter Kragel. She is also a surgical pathologist and cytopathologist, and is in charge of the nephropathology service



Dobbs funded for HPV research

Doctor Larry Dobbs was one of five investigators to receive funding from the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center Seed Grant Program. Dobbs, one of twenty-four investigators to submit applications, was chosen for his research proposal "Melting curve analysis in the characterization of HPV 16 variants in cervical biopsy specimens from patients with cervical dysplasia and squamous cell carcinoma." Doctor Dobbs is a surgical pathologist and head of molecular pathology for the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

Outer Banks CAP Accredited

The Outer Banks Hospital laboratory passed its College of American Pathologists accreditation review with no deficiencies. The laboratory is directed by Doctor Lee West, who is also a surgical pathologist and head of quality assurance for the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. The department has provided laboratory direction as well as clinical and anatomic pathology services to OBH since its opening in March 2002.



Gilliland and Governance

Doctor MGF Gilliland has been appointed to the Faculty Senate Faculty Governance Committee, representing the Brody School of Medicine as the committee takes on the task of revising Appendices C and D of the Faculty Manual and Personnel Action Dossier (PAD) requirements. Doctor Gilliland also participates on the Academic Council's Task Force for fixed term appointments. Faculty input is welcome. Doctor Gilliland is a forensic pathologist and Head of the Autopsy Service.

Departmental publications

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Students interested in pathology

Brody School of Medicine medical students interested in careers in pathology met with pathology residents Doctor Kevin Thomas and Doctor Sandra Thomas on January 20, 2006. Pathology faculty members Doctor John Christie and Doctor Peter Kragel also attended the meeting.

The Doctors Thomas discussed why they chose a career in pathology, how the residency match and interview process worked, and related their experiences during residency.

The interest group will continue to meet periodically throughout the academic year. The group anticipates a meeting with the President of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology Doctor Fred Silva. Doctor Silva will be visiting the Department of Pathology in the Spring.



The Brody School of Medicine Class of 2008 poses for the camera. The Class of 2008 has just started their M2 Spring semester and the second half of the pathology course. Can you pick out the future pathologists?

Strausbauch speaks

Doctor Paul Strausbauch, Director of the M2 Pathology Course, gave a presentation on "Using the historical medical art of Robert Thom in a pathology course" at the Group for Research in Pathology Education (GRIFE) Winter Meeting in San Juan Puerto Rico. Doctor Strausbauch has interest and expertise in medical education and medical history. He is the recipient of numerous awards for teaching including the Seymour Bakerman and Excellence in Teaching awards.



Department notes

The pathology department continues to perform better than budget, and has exceeded its annual budget target.

This was a record year for pathology resident interviews. Over thirty resident applicants were interviewed. These applicants include four students from the Brody School of Medicine. All had outstanding qualifications. Our rank list will be compiled in February by the department residency committee.

The department continues to recruit for open positions in clinical chemistry, surgical pathology and cytopathology, and forensic pathology.

Ms. Christina Fitch assisted the College of Education with their Regional Science Olympiad. About 500 middle and high school students from 17 schools participated. Christina is a graduate student working in the department.